facilities in various districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the status of the STD building in Polavanam, West Godavari District in the Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what are the special emphasis to expedite the early facilitation of operation of STD facility in the places of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) It is planned to provide STD facility in all Taluk Head-Quarters in the first phase. Sites have already been acquired at 24 such places and efforts are in progress to acquire sites in remaining 52 places.

(b) Negotiations are in progress for early acquisition of site at Polavanam with Revenue Authorities for construction of Tower and for housing equipment to provide S.T.D. facility.

(c) It is planned to provide STD facility in all the remaining exchanges progressively during VIIIth Plan period for which special drive is on to procure land at required places.

Austerity Measures *to* Curtail Administrative Expenditure

1885. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of austerity measures taken up by Government to curtail administrative expenditure;

(b) what has been the results of these austerity measures in terms of reduction of expenditure; and

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the implementation of these austerity measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Keeping the government expenditure under control is a continuous exercise. Instructions are issued from time to time regarding specific measures to be taken to effect economy in expenditure or to avoid wasteful expenditure. The measures taken by the Government in this regard include reduction in posts at various levels, ban on air travel by first class, ban on accommodation in hotel suites while on tour, an overall out on travel, reduction in consumption/expenditure on petrol/diesel; restriction of expenditure on OTA. surrender of 10% telephone lines, restrictions on conferences/seminars/workshops, entertainment (including lunches /dinners), purchase of vehicles, decorative lighting and curtailment in expenditure on consumption of electricity. The Ministry-wise details are not maintained centrally. It is, therefore, difficult to quantify the financial impact of these measures.

Arrears of Corporate Tax and Income Tax

1886. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the cumulative arrears for Corporate Tax and Income Tax at the end of March, 1992;

(b) how it compares with the position that of March, 1980 and March, 1985;

(c) whether any action plan was drawn to reduce the arrears; and

(d) if so, what is the target fixed under the plan and achievement made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The following was the position of outstanding demand of Income-tax (including corporation tax):

(Rs. in crores)

31st March 1992	31st March 1985	31st March 1980
4219	1493	1012

The demands as on 31-3-92 and 31-3-85 were the realisable demands whereas the demand as on 31-3-80 was the total outstanding demand.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, The reduction of outstanding demand is one of the key areas of the Action Plan of the Department The achievement in reduction/collection of arrear demand is 7% (provisional) upto